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SCHOONER ROSEWAY WRAPS UP STRONG SEASON IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

World Ocean School's schooner Roseway heads north to sail into the summer season in Maine waters after a successful season of launching a new education program in St. Croix, USVI.

Roseway recently wrapped up its second full winter season of public education programming in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. This year's program, which focused on sail training, community building, and core curriculum areas of science, math, history, and language arts, reached over 500 local students from St. Croix and was funded in part by the USVI Department of Education. World Ocean School hopes to expand the program next year to reach even more students upon its return in November.

"I cannot begin to tell you the impact this activity had on my students. They were so excited to learn to pull up the sails, tie knots, learn about the coral reefs, navigation and the other topics presented," said Sara Gambee, a 7th grade science teacher at John H. Woodson Junior High School. "I thank you so much for this opportunity that you have provided my students and all students of St. Croix."

With *Roseway* now on her way north with an arrival in Boston scheduled for early June, the summer season of education programs and events is closing in. This summer, World Ocean School will host education programs in collaboration with other organizations such as Longacre Expeditions, as well as host its own Summer Ambassador Program—a new program for high school students that launched last summer. These programs will take *Roseway* from Boston to Halifax for June and July. In August *Roseway* returns to mid-coast Maine for two fundraising trips for adults: an oil painting workshop and a photography workshop aboard the ship. And by September, she's off to Prince Edward Island for the 100th Anniversary celebration of *Anne of Green Gables* and the race around PEI. In between all this, *Roseway* will attend festivals and events in Portsmouth, NH, Salisbury, MA, and Oyster Bay, NY as well as offer fundraising charters in Boston in June and early August.

"We've had a full year already and made enormous progress with our educational programs," says Abby Kidder, Executive Director of the World Ocean School, "but it's always nice to come back to northern waters and we're looking forward to a busy and productive summer."

In July, *Roseway* will host an open house in Rockland where students in the Summer Ambassador Program can share what they've been learning in their program. Date and time will be announced.
